US History to/from 1877 Exit Competencies February 4, 2008

Students should be able to

- understand significant trends, movements, and events in American history.
- identify and interpret primary and secondary sources, placing them in the context of their time and place and assessing them for reliability and point of view.
- formulate historical arguments based on specific evidence from the sources
- demonstrate an understanding of historical chronology and respect the distinctive integrity of the past.
- appreciate the multiple political, social, economic, and cultural dimensions of the human experience.
- effectively use historical analysis to evaluate cause and effect, comparisons and contrasts, and patterns of continuity and change over time.

